



NORTH COAST

Chamber of Commerce

July 22, 2011

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

The mission of the North Coast Chamber of Commerce is to advance our members' economic interest, thereby stimulating growth and development in Ohio's North Lake Region communities of Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Village, and Sheffield Village Lake.

Our members see a clear connection between the economic development of our region and the matter referenced above. If the Commission permits AT&T and T-Mobile USA to merge, we predict a highly significant positive impact on the climate for innovation, business expansion, and economic development in our region and state.

If allowed to go forward with their proposed merger, the companies have committed to an additional capital investment of \$8 billion over a seven-year period for deploying next-generation broadband wireless infrastructure. In the end, 55 million more Americans would have access to such service, bringing up to 97 percent the proportion of the U.S. population for which the companies' 4th Generation wireless broadband would be available.

Businesses currently without modern, high-speed Internet access would then have the opportunity to use such a service. This would provide a powerful tool for innovation and growth and an incentive for capital investment. Consumers, too, could realize significant economic and social benefits from access to high-speed mobile data communications.

The business community in our region is very much in favor of this merger and would be grateful to the Commission for your prompt and favorable action on this application.

Sincerely,


John Sobolewski
Executive Director

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell